News" in the National Programme of Doordarshan.

It is also not been considered feasible to increase the duration of Parliament news in English and Hindi which is of 10 minutes duration each at present. Simple reading of Parliamentary news on Doordarshan does not make the programme visually rich. Moreover, All India Radio also covers Parliamentary news on the National network and repeating almost the same on the bulletin over Doordarshan during the same time span would not serve any additional purpose. As news relating to Parliament already accounts for about 10 per cent of the time for the two National News Bulletins in the National Programme, any increase in the duration of the programme would also put pressure on the limited transmission time available with Doordarshan.

Allotment of flats/plots to the Delhi Development Authority staff

380. SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA:

SHRI B. SATYANARAYAN REDDY:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have fixed any quota for officers and staff of Delhi Development Authority for allotment of plots and flats;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) the number of plots and flats so far allotted to officers and staff of Delhi Development Authority under the quota scheme; and

(d) whether any survey has been made to find out the number of plots and flats allotted to close relatives of officers and staff of DDA by misuse of this facility, if so, the outcome thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) to (d) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Expenditure on cyclone relief works in Andhra Pradesh

381. SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received the request from the Andhra Pradesh Government for sanctioning an additional amount of Rs. 449.60 lakhs spent by the State Government over and above the ceilings of the expenditure approved by the Government of India for providing relief and rehabilitation to the victims of cyclone of November, 1984;

(b) whether the Andhra Pradesh Government has also requested the Central Government to extend the time limit for incurring the expenditure on relief and rehabilitation of those affected by November, 1984 cyclones upto 31st March, 1986 instead of 31st December, 1985;

(c) whether the Government of India have acceded to the above requests of the Government of Andhra Pradesh; and

(d) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) and (d) The request of the Government of Andhra Pradesh for enhancement of the ceiling of expenditure by Rs. 449.60 lakhs has been considered by Government of India and it has been decided not to reopen the case since the ceilings were fixed